EVENING EVENTS

September 6 ***Elaine Pagels***

Emory University, 7:00 pm

Elaine Pagels, Professor of Religion at Princeton University will discuss her new book Reading Judas at Glenn Memorial Auditorium, 1664 North Decatur Road (Emory Campus). We will gather for dinner at Everybody's Pizza in the Emory Village at 5:15 pm. At 6:30 pm we will walk across the street to hear Dr. Pagels. Please purchase your $10 ticket on line at **www.carlos.emory.edu.**

September 24 ***Eat, Pray, Love from a Multigenerational Perspective***

7:00 pm, place TBA

This gathering combines the Young Women's Group, the Thursday group and MMP in the Morning, to share their spiritual traveling stories and perspectives on Elizabeth Gilbert's book, Eat, Pray, Love. Wine and cheese will be provided and a small collection taken to cover the cost.

***Leader**: Maggie Harney and panel.*

October 11 ***The Path to Seeing with Wisdom's Eyes: It's History in the Christian Church***

7:00-8:30 pm, Mary & Martha's Place

Jack Graham will explore the roots and definition of universal wisdom, and, in the process, help explain the diversion Christianity took from the Wisdom mystic path in which Jesus stands.

***Leader**: Jack Graham is a psychotherapist in private practice in Atlanta and a frequent lecturer and workshop leader in his field.*

November 1 ***Women, Chocolate and the Arts - Annual Dessert Party***

A wonderful evening that brings women together for conversation, shopping at the Artists Market, speaker, wine and fabulous desserts.

December 6 ***Winter Solstice***

An evening of poetry and silence, music and candlelight that quiets the heart, mind and body to listen for the gifts of the season.

MISSION

Mary & Martha's Place is an inclusive community that strives to integrate spiritual growth, social justice and ecological consciousness through theological education, celebrations and rituals.

ON-GOING GROUPS

Young Women's Group

Meets monthly at 7:30 pm at the home of Maggie Harney. The first meeting is August 27. This group is made up of young women who enjoy gathering to discuss significant theological and spiritual questions in the company of peers with similar interests.

Mary & Martha's Place in the Morning

Meets first Thursday of each month at 7:00 am for breakfast followed by a program at 7:30 am. This group is made up of women who wish to gather for theological conversation and community. Cost is $5.

If you are interested in either of these groups, please contact the office for current times and locations.

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How can we be spiritual beings in a work-a-day world?

How do we balance the deep peace we feel on retreat, and the emotions and demands that come with living in the world?

Come explore these questions.

This year through reflection and study we will recognize ourselves as spiritual beings, developing a language that doesn't divide the world into higher or lower but seeing that it simply is. We will still ourselves and then bring the peace we discover with us into the messy and blessed lives we inhabit. This is another path on our spiritual journey.

At MMP books are our guides and this fall we will listen to the wisdom garnered in the lives and thoughts of Elizabeth Gilbert in Eat, Pray, Love, Parker Palmer in The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring, and Cynthia Bourgeault in The Wisdom Way of Knowing: Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart.

Does this sound like jumping in the deep end when all you wanted to do was go wading? Not to worry, please come and join us for toe dipping or a deeper swim. These circles of conversation are more about sharing the journey than intellectual rigor. Your life has taught you a great deal, please come and bring your wisdom to the circle.

CLASSES

Thursdays, 11:30 am — 1:00 pm

Registration and socializing begin at 11:15 am. Cost is $20 per class or is included in the MMP membership.

September 6 ***Wisdom and the Active Life: An Introduction***
This opening session will begin with a look at the concept of "Wisdom" and a glance at the books we will use this year, including a dip into Eat, Pray, Love. *Plan on arriving early to allow time for visiting after the summer.*
***Leader**: Rebecca Parker, program director at Mary & Martha's Place, is ordained in the Presbyterian Church and holds a M. Div. from Yale Divinity School.*

September 20 ***Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Wholeness***
Using Eat, Pray, Love we will listen to our own questions and longings that lead us to seek wholeness. The author raises the paradox of pleasure and devotion, and how they live together. In honor of the author's journey to beauty in Italy, an Italian lunch will follow class from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Cost of the lunch is separate.
***Leader**: Rebecca Parker*

October 4 ***Seeking Wisdom: The Resilience of the Human Spirit***
Barbara Findeisen, psychotherapist and founder of the Pocket Sanctuary in Tumacacon, AZ, will guide this class. Barbara believes that within each human soul there is guidance and wisdom. She will speak to us about that wisdom and paths to access it.
***Leader**: Barbara is the Clinical Director and founder of the STAR workshop, a profoundly transformative 10-day retreat designed to accelerate self-healing and personal growth, and conducts workshops around the world.*

October 18 ***Action and Contemplation: Living the Paradox***
In this class we will look at the first three chapters of Parker Palmer's book, The Active Life and his understanding of living with spiritual mindfulness in the midst of a busy life. He helps us see that acquiring mindfulness an act of courage that brings us to deeper wisdom.
***Leader**: Rebecca Parker and Maggie Harney. Maggie is the founding director of Mary & Martha's Place, a graduate of Candler School of Theology and an Episcopal priest.*

CLASSES *CONTINUED*

November 8 ***Tools of Wisdom: Awakening the Heart***
Begins at 11:15 am with a Taize service in the sanctuary, please arrive by 11:00 am.
We will use "Tools of Wisdom" (Chapter 8 in Cynthia Bourgeault's book) as our guide for this class. We need tools as we awaken the heart to live with presence in the daily. This class is placed in the middle of the study season to begin integrating practice with our words.
***Leader**: Barbara Dolan Meinert is a spiritual director with a Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Direction. She teaches in many retreat settings, and is a frequent leader at Mary & Martha's Place.*

November 15 ***How the Christian West Lost Its Wisdom***
This class will explore the first two chapters of Cynthia Bourgeault's book as she outlines the ancient wisdom tradition and where Western Christianity lost the trail.
***Leader**: Maggie Harney*

November 29 ***Three-Centers of Knowing: Mind, Heart, Body***
"Wisdom is a way of knowing that goes beyond one's mind, one's rational understanding, and embraces the whole of a person: mind, heart, and body." In this class we will use Chapter 3 of Cynthia's book to understand these three centers as a resource for awakening us.
***Leader**: Barbara Dolan Meinert*

RESOURCES

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by Elizabeth Gilbert.

The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring by Parker Palmer.

The Wisdom Way of Knowing: Reclaiming an Ancient Tradition to Awaken the Heart by Cynthia Bourgeault.